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### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

#### *Election/Restrictions*

The Office Action required restriction of the application to one of inventions claimed in claims 1-17 and claims 18-34.

Applicant elects claims 18-34, with traverse.

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims of Group I claim a team member profile maintained by a persistent collaboration services suite and the claims of Group II claim a method for enabling a team member to select a respective team member profile maintained by the persistent collaboration services suite.

In order to perform the method of Group II, the team member profiles of Group I must be defined. Likewise, the team member profiles of Group I are of full utility only when selected as circumstances warrant by the method of Group II.

It is further respectfully submitted that the search required for Group I encompasses the search required for Group II, because the invention defined in Group II necessarily entails use of the invention defined in Group I.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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